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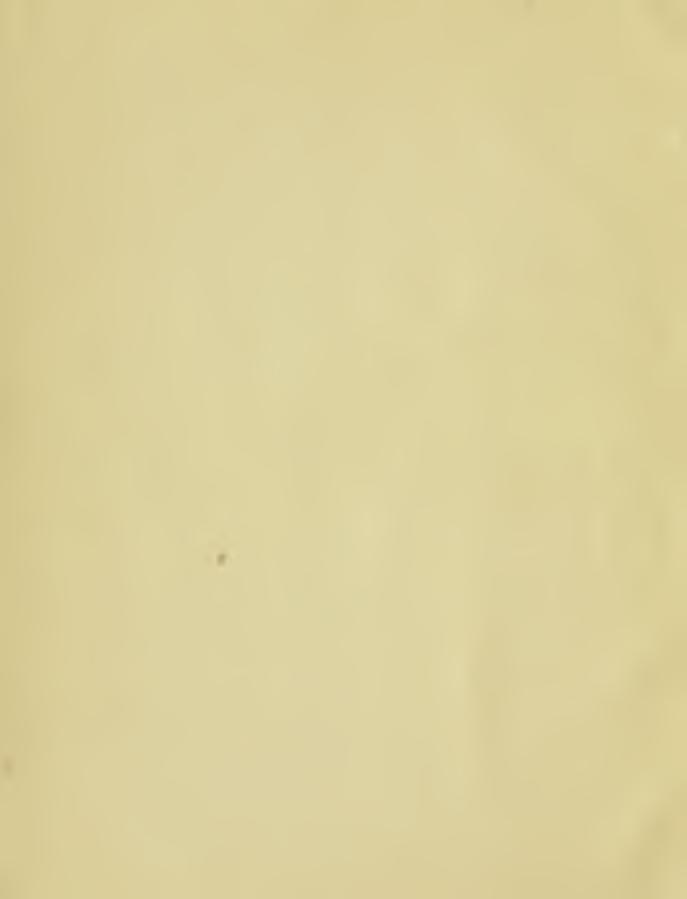
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for the year ending

October, 1839.



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for the year 1839

Trenton, New Jersey, October 15, 1839 The Synod met at 3 c'clock p.m. and was opened with a ermon from 'limothy 4:16 by the Kev. John McLein the Moderator, and was constituted by prayer.

Present from the Presbytery of Llizabethtown Elders Churches linisters Rev. David lagle

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Joseph L. Ogden Lamington Hunting

Lr. J: ne lay

hev. Nicholas -urray westfield

Baskingridge

Oscar Harris Liberty Corner

James T. nglish Robert tret

Benj. Cory Perth Amboy Charles H. Ford

Henry Laker Jonathan Alward

Benj. Mc vowell

Edward Landerson

James Brown

Henry Hodges

Isaac Lewis

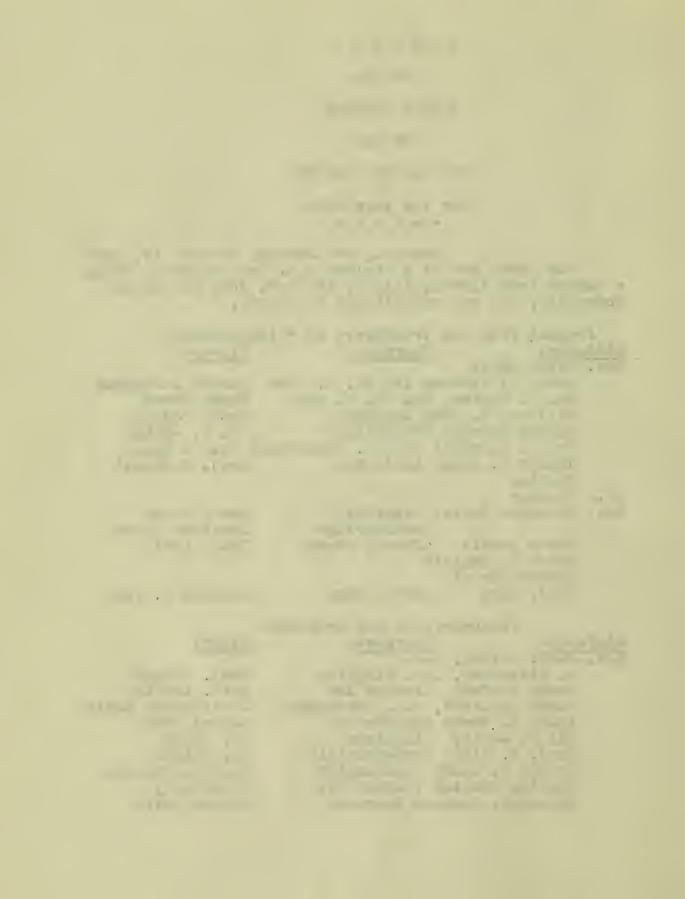
Presbytery of New Brunswick Churches

Ministers Kev. Saml. miller, D.D.

A. Alexander, D. D. kingston David Comfort Irenton 1st James Carnahan, D.D. Chrewsbury Isacc L. Brown Boundbrook Eli F. Cooley Illentown Lenj. d. Rice Lambertsville Symmes C. Henry Pennington Charles ebster Trenton vity havaud h. nodgers Lavrence

Elders

Benj. Griggs Nath. Lanning Christopher Nagie Samuel swan m. Imlay al. ilson uh rles clling I. I cheely 'alter omith



Resolved, that inasmuch as all the minutes of the meetings of Lynod of the last year were printed and in the hands of the members that the reading of them be dispersed with.

Those ministers present who were absent from the last meeting of Lynod assigned satisfactory reasons for their absence.

lessrs. J. LcLean, Ogden, Dr. Junkin, llatt and Foster, Ministers and Lrown, Imlay and King, Elders were appointed a committee of bills and overtures to meet in this place fter the ynod adjourns this evening and afterwards on their own adjournment.

Ar. Baker and Ar. Swan were appointed to cramine the Pressurer's Account.

To Examine the necords of

the fresbytery of

Elizabeth to m Mr. Castner and Foster, Ministers

ar. omith, Elder

New Brunswick kr. Lurray and Platt, Linisters

r. aunderson, .lder

Lewton r. illiamson and denry, binisters

r. Alward, Elder

Susquehanna .r. ondee and Norton, ministers

Ir. L.c.owell, Elder

Caledo i. Ir. lagie and Hall, ministers

hr. .ilson, Ilder

The reports of the Presbyteries of Plizabeth town, New Lrunswick, Newton and Caledonia were presented, read and accepted and the Mev. Baynard A. Mall, Joseph W. Blythe and George Hale, and T. A. Alexander Deusett of the Presbytery of New Brunswick and the Nev. Llias 3. Schenck, Albert illiam and Jonathan H. Sherwood of the Presbytery of Newton being present took their seats as members.

The committee to make arrangements for the lissionary Meeting this evening reported the following which was adopted, viz., that the Loderator preside and state the object of the Leeting giving out a psalm, Prayer by "r. Cray, Address by Lr. Junkin, Linging, Address by Lr. Alexander, Prayer by -r. Hatt, Hymn and Benediction by the Loderator.



Presbytery of New Frunswick (cont)

Linisters Churches Llders
Rev. Henry Perkin Lew Prunswick Laml. Baker

Peter 0. studdiford 2nd Cranbury John Covert

James D. Fisher James . Alexander

John . Yeomans

John McLean

.n. .l. Petts

Jas. .. oodward

Jos. . Llythe

Baynard k. hale

George Hale

Jos. ... Alexander

Presbytery of Newton

Ministers Churches

kev. Joseph L. Shafer

Jacob, k. Castner Hockettstown

Geo. Junkin, D.D. Lonsfield John Gray Saston I. h. Condee Delvidere John LcNair Oxford

lus. Valley Jas. Scott Leslie Irwin Greenwich Jas. L. Olmstead Clinton Lavid Iull Flemington

Elias S. Schenck Anwell 5th Albert illiams German Vally and Fox Hill D vid Neighbour

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llders

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Peter Young

Elders

Robert C. Stevens

Presbytery of Busquehanna

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Rev. Julius l'oster

Presbytery of Caledenia

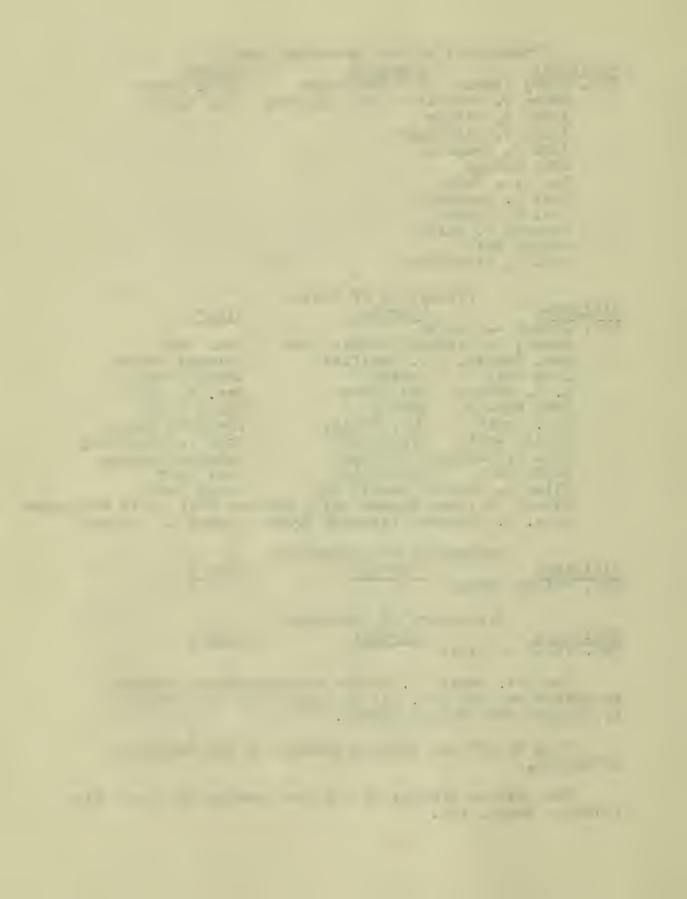
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Rev. Isa C .. Platt

The kev. Joseph L. Chafer was unanamously chosen Moderator and the Nev. Eli F. Cooley and Kev. Ravaud K. Nodgers were chosen Clerks.

Here insert the Pinutes respecting the Presbytery of Newark.

The printed inutes of the last meeting of ynoi distributed among, etc.



Synod h d a recess until 7 o'clock this evening. After recess the ynod attended to Religious xercises agreeably to the preceding arrangements.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

ednesday Morning October 16, 1839

9 o'clock a. . Synod met and began with prayer- present as before together with the Rev. Abraham Dewitt of the Presbytery of New Brunswick and Rev. John Dorrance of the Presbytery of Susquehanna, Ar. Jacob Lane, Elder from the congregation of Princeton of the Presbytery of New Trunswick and Rev. I. Kirkpatrick and John Vanderveer of the Presbytery of Newton.

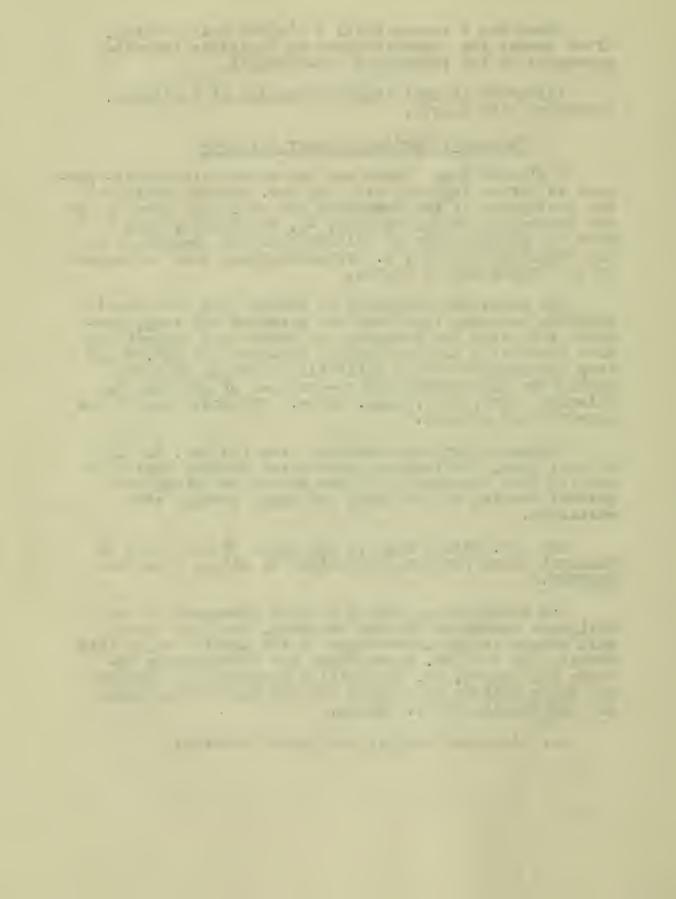
The committee appoints to examine the irecurrer's Accounts reported that they have examined the same, compared them with the vouchers and found them correct and that there is a balance due the Treasurer of "36.70 and they recommended that a collection taken up of fifty cents from each member for the purpose of meeting the balance. Saml. Swan, and baker. The above revort was accepted and suppted.

Communic tion were received from the Rev. L. V. NcLean, Bond, Mirtland and Reddington stating their inability from sickness and other causes to attend the present meeting of the Synod and their excuses were sustained.

The Lev. luther Halsey, Van Joren of the Lyncd of Missouri being present was invited to sit as a correspondent.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for heligious Exercites further reported, that the symod will attend to the Celebration of the Lord's supper this evening and that the surrangement has evening and that the surrangements make the introductory remarks and prayer, in Kirl catrick despense the elements and lagie Teliv son a cross and the concluding prayer and benediction by Tr. Condee.

Ir. Alexander look at last years linutes.



The committee weinted to examine the wrinted Linutes of the last Gneral issembly reported the following objects as worthy the attention of the Synod, viz., article 4 in the report of the committee on the state of the Church on page 152 of printed winutes and also the subject of the centenary celebration, see page 169. The report was accepted and laid on the table.

Mr. Platt and Foster be a committee to take into consideration the subject of the Celebrating of the Lord's upper by the Symod at its future meetins and report thereon.

The Presbytery of Caledonia reported the reception of the Rev. Thomas witkin a foreign minister and asked the action of Lynoa respecting the subject.

The request was referred to Dr. Carnaban, Pr. Blau-velt, Ministers and Dr. Green, Elder to rejort thereon.

nesolved, that the next meeting of synou be held at ilkesperre on the first Thursday after the 3rd Tuesday in October in 1840 at 3 o'clock p.m.

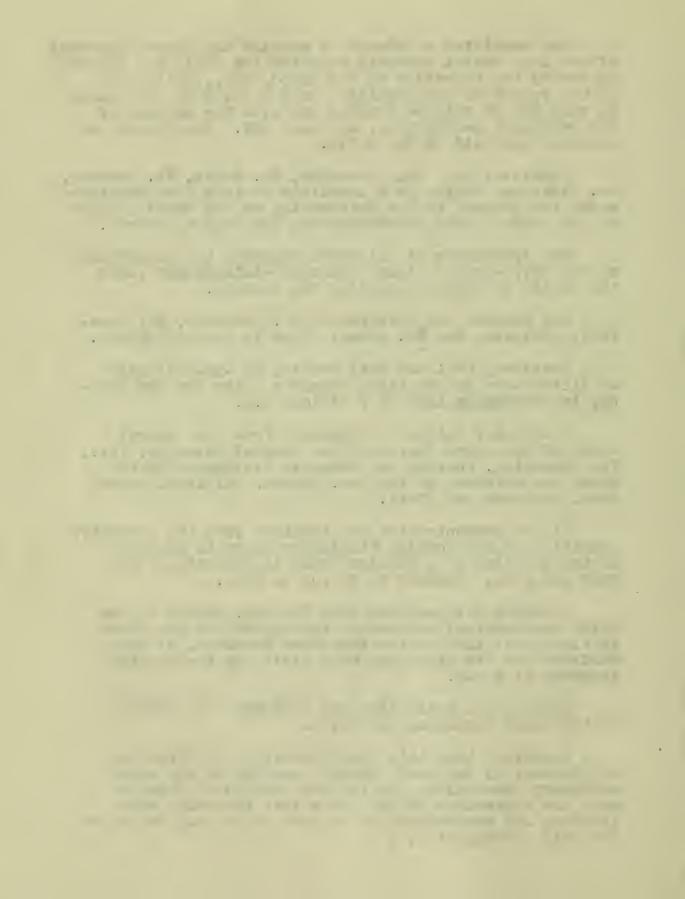
A circular letter received from the Gen ral Agent of the three Boards of the Jene al Assembly, viz., The Education, Foreign and lomestic ansionary Board which was referred to the Rev. Messrs. Williams, rown, Gray, o mance and Platt.

Also a communication was received from the Accutive Committee of the Foreign Missionary Doard in relation to the erection of Mission Mouse in the City of New York was read. Ordered to be put on file.

A letter w's received from wr. Geo. Rupers of the State Penitentiary requesting the members of the Synod to visit that institution whereupon Resolved, as many linisters as are dispersed will visit the institution tomorrow at 8 a.m.

There was a collection t ken up from the members of the Synod amounting to 44.50.

necolved, that this synod cordially approved the appointment by the last General seembly of the semicentenary thanksgiving on the 2nd Labb th of secember next and appreciate highly the object for which collections are recommended to be mide on the day set apart for said thanksgiving;



and with this expression of opinion leave it to the discretion of the Pastors and Elders of the several churches to take such order for the observation of the day as them may deem best.

The Presbyteries of Elizabeth town, New Lrunswick, Newton, Susquehanna and Caledonia presented their written reports on the state of Religion within their bounds which were referred to Dr. ice, Mirkpatrick and Murray to draft a narrative.

Ir. Perkins had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Jynod.

The Tynod took up the report of the committee on the printed Linutes and inquired of the Tresbytery what they done toward making collections to aid in derraying the expenses incumbered in defending the suit against the Trustees of the leneral Assembly and it appeared they had attended to the subject.

An overture from the Presbytery of Lewton was received relating to the division of that body which was read and made the over of the day for this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

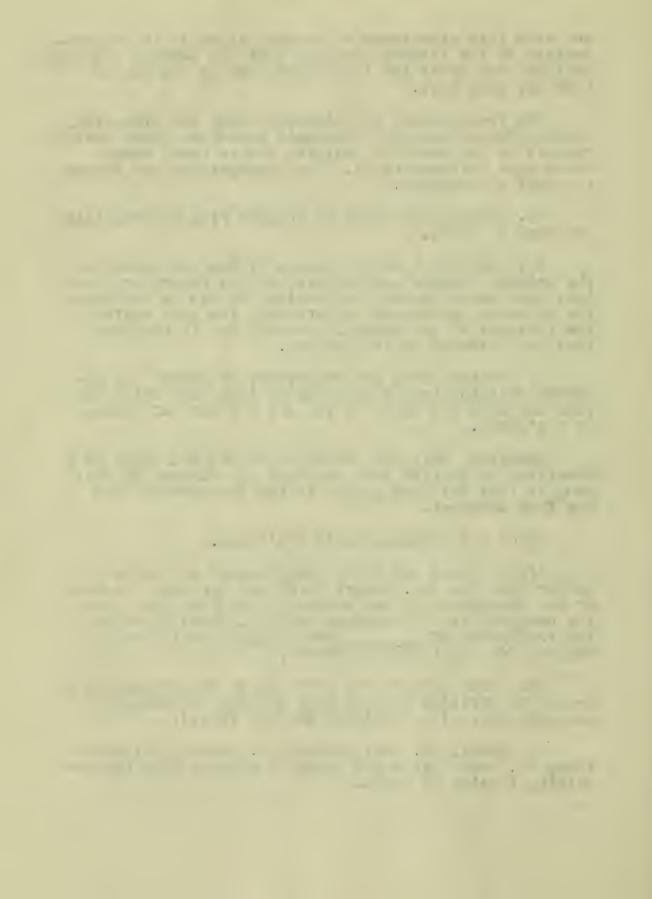
Resolved, that the Stated Clerk and Lr. Lagie be a committee to jublish such parts of the Linutes of this body as they may deem proper in the Presbyterian and New York Observer.

greed had a recess until 3 o'clock.

After recess the Cynod met- present as before to gether with the Rev. Robert Birch and Dr. John countil of the Presbytery of New Brunswick and the light from the congregation of Prechold and Nev. James Clark of the Presbytery of who a signed satisfactory reasons for not attending sooner.

The Synod tork un the petition of the Presbyter; of Newton to division of said body and the following was adopted, viz., (see petition on said Pres.).

ahan, r. James diles hed leave of absence from the remaining session of symod.



The committees on the records of the resbytery of Elizabeth town, her brunswick, western, susquebona and Caledonia report that the earproved.

The committee appointed to draft a narrative of the State of Religion within our bounds reported the following which was read and adopted.

The committee on the application from to Pr sbytery of Caledonia respecting their receiving a foreign Linister made its report. as adopted.

The treasurer was directed to pay the Janitor's Bill amounting to three dollars.

The following in uiry was present d by the committee of overture, viz., see overture, which was laid on the table.

the complete to them was referred the subject of continuing the observance of the Lord's Supremat the successive meeting of the Symod reported (on file).

the synowhea a recess until 7 o'clock, fter recess the synod stended to the selebration of the Lord's a per agree bly to the arrangements previously adopted.

lder were appointed to make arrangements for religious exercises during the session of the Synod at its next meeting reported the following recitation (see report) which was adopted.

Ltated Clerk to make out his report.

The committee to hom was referred the comunications from the Tener 1 Agents of the tree boards of the Ceneral Assembly reported the following.

Resolution of thanks (insert here).

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manks to the congregation for their hindre s, etc.



A P P R N D I Y.

- 1. THEOLUTIONS AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS.
- 2. HARMMINT OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.
- 3. PRUSBYTURIAL CHARISTICAL RUPOPHE.



ellinian in which broke the to the in the state of

Thereas the Symod at its last meeting in Forristown resolved, That the Presbytery of Merark be enjoined between that time, and the meeting of the General Assembly in 1839 to decide on its course in reference to the attendance of its commissions on the body claiming to be the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and which convened in the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, in May 1838and should that prosbytery send commissioners to the body appointed to neet in Philadelphia in May next, by the body aforesaid, that the said Presbytory should be considered thenceforth as no longer in connection with this Synod. and thereas the said Presbytery of Newark did send commissioners to the said body in May last, as appears by the Printed minutes of said body, therefore by said act and resolution the Presbytery of Newark is no longer connected with this Synod.



The Synod took up the overture from the Presbytery of Newton, relating to a division of that Presbytery and Resolved. That, agreeably to the request contained in their petition, the Presbytery of Newton be divided into two Presbyteries.

Resolved, That the following be the line of division, Beginning at the mouth of the Muscenetcong Creek running est so as to include the Congregation of Durham, Pa., and from the same point Mastward, including all the Ministers and Churches South of said Creek (Tweept the Rev. John McMair and the church of Muscenetcong Malley) and that there ministers and churches, viz. The Rev. Joseph Campbell, D. D., Rev. Jacob Mirkpatrick, Rev. Molloway . Munt, Jr., Nev. James M. Olmstead, Nev. James Scott, Tev. David Mull, Nev. Albert Milliams, Nev. Joseph Morrell, and the Nev. William McJi psey with the churches of Milford, Amwell United 1st and 2nd, Pleasant Grove, Flemington, German Milley, Pox Mill, Clinton, Amwell 1st Church, Turham, Amwell 5th Church, and Mingwood be erected into a new Presbytery to be called the Presbytery of Maritan.

Resolved, That the Nev. Peter O. Studdiford and the churches of Lambertsville and Colebury of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, be net off from said Presbytery to the Presbyter of Laritan.

Resolved, That 'r. William Widdle, a licentiste of the Presbytery of Mewton, be attached to the Presbytery of Raritan.

Lesolved. That the Presbytery of Laritan hold its first meeting at Flemington on the 1st Tuesday of November next at 2 o'clock P. M. and be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Joseph Campbell, D. D., or in case of his absence by the older ministers present, who shall preside until a Moderator be chosen.

Manager of the and of harteld:

The Synod of New Jersey now consists of & Presbytcries towit; Elizabethtown, New Brunswick, Newton, Susquehanna, Caledonia, and Rarltan, and the present meeting of about ninety members.

The causes which have t us reduced our numbers are well known to the churches; and whatever may be the judgement and feelings of some on this subject, it is matter of joy and thanksgiving that we are left in harmony of views as to doctrine and church order. The past year as been marked by many tokens of the regards of the Ming of Lion. These tokens of favor appear in the attendance of the people on the regular means of grace, which to a great extent are enjoyed by most of our churches, in the soundness of the instructions given both by pastore and Sabbath School teachers-in a growing attention to extechetical instruction and Bible classesand in the increasing attachment of the mecule to the standards and institutions of the church, and to the agencies by which the General Assembly is laboring to advance the cause of Christ in the world, and although there is reason to deplore a darth of those special effusi ne of divine influence, in which in years past, we had cause gre tly to rejoice, yet hath the Lord not left himself without with sees amongst us of these displays of his sovereign grace. The churches of Allentown and Lambertsville In the Presbytery of New Bruns let, with those of Tilkesbarre and "arren-in the Presbytery of Susquehamms have been graciously visited by the Spirit of God, and numbers added of such as it is believed shall be caved. But whatever calls for gratitude and praise these may be in the dispensations of God towards us, these are yet more colem calls to huriliation and ponitence for the spiritual apathy and worldliness which so much abound. It is believed that there is much piety and zeal and self denial and christian liberality in our churches, and yet in the tract of country over which the influence of this Synod ought to be felt, there is much that offend, God, and destroyed the souls of men.



PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICAL STATISTICAL STREET

1. The Presbytery of Flizabethtown, report to the Synod OF New Jersey, that they consist of 28 Ministers, and have under their care 22 Congregations, 5 Licentintes, and 5 Candidates.

The Precbytery report further that on the 23rd of October 1838, they installed the Rev. James 7. English Paster of the Church of Liberty Corner, and on the same day ordained Mr. Charles L. Mills to the work of the Gospel ministry as an Evangelist; that on the 18th of April 1839, they licensed Mesers. David W. Lyon, Philemon T. Coe, and William P. Reeve to preach the gospel; that on the 3rd of October, they dismissed Mr. William P. Reeve to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Wooster, Chic, and on the same day erased the name of the Nev. Alexander G. Praser from the list of ministers in the Presbytery.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

JATES M. WENNING, Stated Clerk.

2. The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 37 Ministers, and have under their care 21 Congregations, 16 Licentiates, and 6 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 18th day of October 1838, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Benjamin Ogden and the Congregation of Pennington—that on the 5th of November 1838, they installed the Rev. Daniel V. McLean Pastor of the Village Church, Freehold—that on the 6th of the same month, they installed the Rev. Charles Webster Pastor of the Church of Middletown Point—that on the 18th of December, they dismissed the Rev. Stephen



R. Wynkcop to join the Prosbytery of New Castle -- that on the 5th of February 1839, they received the Lev. Joseph W. Blythe from the Presbytery of "onroe, and dismissed the Rev. Frederic L. Ernst to join the Presbytery of Clinton-the Rev. Charles Fitch to join the Presbytery of Columbus -- Tr. Joseph B. Hadden a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Muhlenburg--Mr. Auron H. Hand a licentiate to nut himself under the care of the Presbytery Flint River-'T. Samuel Y. Wyley a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Holsten, and 'r. John r. Balch a licentiate to but himself under the care of the Presbytery of North Alabams -that on the same day they licensed Ir. Owen ". Canfield to preach the gospel; that on the 7th of the same month, they ordained Mr. George Hale to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him Pastor of the Church in Pennington; that on the 13th of the same month they installed the Nov. Joseph W. Blythe Pastor of the 2nd Church of Cranbury-that on the 2nd of March they dismissed "r. James Whott a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Blairsville -that on the 14th of March they received the Rev. Robert Birch from the 2nd Presbytery of New York, and on the same day installed him Pastor of the Church in New Brunswick -that on the 23rd of April they dismissed "r. William wright a licentiate to put himself under the care of the classis of Ulster, and licensed Mesors. Archibald A. Deake, John G. Howell, James Petrie, John V. Dodge, William Y. Allen. William "cAuley, "ilanethon W. Jacobus and Henry F. Camberen to preach the gospel; that on the same day they dismissed 'r. Archibald A. Doake, a licentiate to out himself under the care of the Presbytery of "olsten -- and ordained Fr. Joseph Addison Alexander to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelistthat on the 6th of August they dismissed Tr. Milanothon W. Jacobus a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New York-- Thoras W. Barra a licentiate to out himself under the care of the Presbytery of Cooster-that on the same day they reserved the Rev. Baynard R. Hall from the Pre-bytery of Newark -- that they received the certificate given Mr. William Wright to the Classis of Ulster and placed his name on the list of licentiates; and licensed Mr. Jerome Twitchell to preach the gospel that on the lat of October they



dismissed Mr. Elbridge Bradbury, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Carlisle--that on the 3d of the same month, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. James Clark to the church of Preshold, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Newton, and that on the 15th of October they received the Rev. Abraham DeWitt from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Prosbytery,

"LI F. COOLEY, Stated Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of Newton, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 25 Winisters, and have under their care 36 Congregations, 5 Licentiates, and 9 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 18th of December 1838, they received under their care, Mr. Elias 9. Schenk a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick-and on the same day dismissed the Nev. Arthur B. Bradford to join the Pre-bytery of Beaver, Pa .-- that on the 16th of January 1839 they ordained Mr. .lias M. Schenk to the work of the gosoel ministry and installed him Pastor of the Church of Wackettstown -- that on the 13th of February they ordained "r. Daniel Gaston to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him paster of the church of Beaver Me: dows--that on the 23rd of April, they received the Lev. Albert "Illiams, from the Presbytery of Newark--that on the same dry they dismissed the Nev. Azariah Pricr to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia-that on the 24th of the same month, they licensed Mr. Isaac Wall to preach the gospel -- that on the lath of May they installed Rev. Albert Wil iams pastor of the church of Clintonthat on the 25th of June, they installed the Rev. Thaniel B. Condict Pastor of the church of "tillwater--that on the 26th of June, they ordained "r. Jonathon ". Sherwood to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the churches of Mardwick and Marksborough-that on the lat of October they dismissed the Rev. Jehiel Talmare to join the Presbytery of New Lisbon, Ohic -- and the Nev. John "cCullough



to join the Presbytery of Vississippi--that on the 2nd of October they dismissed Vr. John Turbitt a licentiate to but himself under the care of the Presbytery of Alleghany Pa. and on the same day licensed Vr. Alliam Riddle and Mr. Charles F. Vorrel to pretch the sospel. The Presbytery further report that on the 3d of July 1839, the Rev. William B. Cloan, the oldest member of this Presbytery departed this life.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

ISAAC N. CAMDUN, Stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Susquehanna, report to the Tynod of New Jersey, that they consist of 9 Pinisters, and have under their care 16 Congregations.

The Presbytery further report that in the month of April 1839, the Nev. Salmon King, the oldest member of the Presbytery departed this life—and that on the 29th of August, they dismissed Ur. Samuel Helme a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Missouri.

All of which is respectfully sub-litted.
By order of Presbytery.
JOHN DORMMON, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of Caledonia, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 8 "inisters, and have under their care 5 Churches.

The Presbytery further report that they held their first meeting on the 20th of Yovember 1838, in compliance with the order from the Synod-that on the 19th of rebruary 1839, they received the Rev. Lewis Cheeseman and the Rev. Dilas Pratt from the Presbytery of Rochester, and the Rev. Owen Brown from the Presbytery of Champlain-that on the 29th of August



they received the Rev. Thomas Aitkin of the United Associate Presbytery of Cupar of life in connection with the United Secession Church, Scotland, a probationer; and that on the 24th of September, they installed the Rev. John W. Reddington Pastor of the Church at Moscow.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

ISAMO T. PLATT, Stated Clerk.

